

Dear City Planners,

I have heard about a proposal for rezoning the property on 1403-1415 SE Stark Street, and wanted to express my own concerns. I own a home at 16th and Stark, and we have already experienced the effects of the new housing developments to the south, and are anticipating more noise, traffic, and parking difficulties resulting from the renovation of the Washington High School down the street.

If this property will be commercial zoning, I'd request that it be CM-1 (if that's the correct designation) for the smallest possible commercial zoning. Since SE Stark street has no public transit, most people traveling to this area will be driving. The homes on our street have no off-street parking, and with Buckman Elementary across the street, we often have periods where it is impossible to park anywhere near my own home. If the property at 14th and Stark becomes a large commercial building, I imagine it will be even more difficult to park at my own house, which is particularly inconvenient when I'm trying to juggle a few bags of groceries and a toddler.

I lived just off SE Division years ago and loved it there, but these days I try to avoid driving down SE Division at all—it feels overbuilt and always too crowded. I can't imagine living in that area and having to deal with all the extra cars all the time. I would love to avoid having that happen to the Buckman neighborhood, too.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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